

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

April 30, 1970

1 - Mr. McDonough

Director, FBI

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HAROLD WEISBERG V. UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
CIVIL ACTION NO. 718-70, U.S.D.C. D. D.C.

1970.

Reference is made to your letter dated April 27,

The determination as to the release of the pertinent documents is within the province of the Department of Justice, and this Bureau interposes no objection. For your information, the Federal process charging violation of a Federal Civil Rights statute is still outstanding against James Earl Ray, and you may desire to communicate with the Civil Rights Division on this matter.

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NOTE: Harold Weisberg, an author who has been critical of the FBI and other Federal and state authorities, has filed suit demanding copies of certain documents utilized in the extradition of James Earl Ray, the murderer of Martin Luther King, Jr. These documents include affidavits from FBI personnel relating to fingerprints, ballistics and document examinations, and other aspects of investigation. It is not felt that we have any basis to object; however, the determination as to release of this information is within the Department's province and, since the civil rights process is still outstanding, it is being brought to the Civil Division's attention for consideration.

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